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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR URGES ANSWER ON GUANTANAMO DETAINEE  
TRANSFER REQUEST

REF: A. STEINGER-KRAJESKI EMAIL OF 1/14/2006

[B](#). 05 SANAA 3137

[C](#). 05 STATE 206941

[D](#). 05 SANAA 3442

Classified By: AMBASSADOR THOMAS C. KRAJESKI, FOR REASONS 1.4 (B) AND (D).

(C) Ambassador delivered points contained in ref A to FonMin Abubakr al-Qirbi on January 16, urging the Minister to provide a response to post's November diplomatic note proposing the transfer of 13 Yemenis from Guanatanamo Bay. Ambassador noted that President Saleh had committed to accepting the detainees, and information that he had requested, including photographs, had been passed to the Yemeni Charge in Washington on January 13. Qirbi said he was "still waiting to see the files," but that Yemen would "clearly accept" the detainees. The only remaining question, he said, was "how to deal with them once they return to Yemen." Ambassador said that, to expedite the ROYG's response to our diplomatic note, he would also pass copies of the detainees' files and photographs to MFA officials in Sanaa.  
Krajeski